

FOREIGN PRODUCERS'/EXPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE
STAINLESS STEEL WIRE ROD FROM BRAZIL, FRANCE, AND INDIA

Return completed questionnaire to:

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Office of Investigations, Room 615-B
500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436

So as to be received by the Commission by no later than March 24, 2006

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its reviews concerning stainless steel wire rod from Brazil, France, and India (inv. Nos. 731-TA-636-638 (Second Review)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII.

Name of firm _____

Address _____

World Wide Web address _____

Has your firm produced or exported stainless steel wire rod (as defined in the instruction booklet) at any time since January 1, 2000?

NO (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)

YES (Read the instruction booklet carefully, complete all parts of the questionnaire, sign the certification, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information herein supplied in response to this questionnaire is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and understand that the information submitted is subject to audit and verification by the Commission.

By signing this certification I also grant consent for the Commission, and its employees and contract personnel, to use the information provided in this questionnaire and throughout these reviews in any other import-injury investigations or reviews conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise. (If you do not consent to such use, please note the certification accordingly.)

I acknowledge that information submitted in this questionnaire response and throughout these reviews may be used by the Commission, its employees, and contract personnel who are acting in the capacity of Commission employees, for developing or maintaining the records of these reviews or related proceedings for which this information is submitted, or in internal audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations of the Commission pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3. I understand that all contract personnel will sign non-disclosure agreements.

Name and Title of Authorized Official

Date

Signature of Authorized Official

(____) _____
Phone

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PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS

The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 20 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire. Send comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436.

I-1a. Please report below the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of preparing the reply to this questionnaire and completing the form.

_____ hours _____ dollars

I-1b. We are interested in any comments you may have for improving this questionnaire in general or the clarity of specific questions. Please attach such comments to your response or send them to the above address.

I-2. Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire (see page 3 of the instruction booklet for reporting guidelines). If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.

I-3. Please provide the names and addresses of the **FIVE** largest U.S. importers of your firm's stainless steel wire rod since 2000.

I-4. In Parts II and III of this questionnaire we request a copy of your company's business plan. Does your company or any related firm have a business plan or any internal documents that describe, discuss, or analyze expected future domestic or foreign market conditions for stainless steel wire rod?

No Yes--Please provide the requested documents. If you are not providing the requested documents, please explain why not.

PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS--Continued

I-5. Does your firm or any related firm produce, have the capability to produce, or have any plans to produce stainless steel wire rod in the United States or other countries?

- No Yes--Please name the firm(s) and country(ies) below and, if U.S. producer(s), ensure that they complete the Commission's producer questionnaire (contact Fred Ruggles for copies of that questionnaire).

I-6. Does your firm or any related firm import or have any plans to import stainless steel wire rod into the United States?

- No Yes--Please name the firm(s) below and ensure that they complete the Commission's importer questionnaire (contact Fred Ruggles for copies of that questionnaire).

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

II-1. Has your firm experienced any plant openings, relocations, expansions, acquisitions, consolidations, closures, or prolonged shutdowns because of strikes or equipment failure; curtailment of production because of shortages of materials; or any other change in the character of your operations or organization relating to the production of stainless steel wire rod since January 1, 2000?

- No Yes--Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes.

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-2. Does your firm anticipate any changes in the character of your operations or organization (as noted above) relating to the production of stainless steel wire rod in the future?

- No Yes--Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue. **Include in your response a specific projection of your firm's capacity to produce SS wire rod (in short tons) for 2006 and 2007.**

II-3. Would your firm anticipate any changes in the character of your operations or organization (as noted above) relating to the production of stainless steel wire rod in the future if the antidumping duty orders on stainless steel wire rod from Brazil, France, or India were to be revoked?

- No Yes--Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

II-4. Does your firm have any plans to add, expand, curtail, or shut down production capacity and/or production of stainless steel wire rod in Brazil, France, or India in the future?

- No Yes--Please describe those plans, including planned dates and capacity/production quantities involved, and the reason(s) for such change(s). If the plans are to add or expand capacity or production, list (in descending order of importance) the markets (countries) to which such additional capacity or production would be directed. Provide relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation that addresses this issue.

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-5. Describe the production technology used in the production of stainless steel wire rod in Brazil, France, or India and identify major production inputs. Also discuss any significant changes in production technology since January 1, 2000.

II-6. Has your firm since January 1, 2000 produced, or does your firm anticipate producing in the future, other products on the same equipment and machinery used in the production of stainless steel wire rod?

No Yes--List the following information and report your firm's combined production capacity and production of these products and stainless steel wire rod in the periods indicated.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Basis for allocation of capacity data</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(Quantity in short tons)

Item	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Melting:						
Total production capacity						
Production						
Hot-rolling:						
Total production capacity						
Production--						
Stainless steel wire rod (include SSWR used to produce stainless bar and stainless wire)						
Stainless steel bar						
Other (specify _____)						
Total						
Annealing:						
Total production capacity						
Production--						
Stainless steel wire rod (include SSWR used to produce stainless bar and stainless wire)						
Stainless steel bar						
Other (specify _____)						
Total						

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-7. Please describe the constraint(s) that set the limit(s) on your production capacity at the following stages:

Melting stage. _____

Hot-rolling stage. _____

Annealing stage. _____

II-8. Please report your production of products that use stainless steel wire rod as an input during 2005 (in *short tons*).

Stainless steel round wire	Stainless steel bar	Other (_____)	Total

II-9. Has your firm since January 1, 2000 produced, or does your firm anticipate producing in the future, other products using the same production and related workers employed to produce stainless steel wire rod?

No Yes--List the following information.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Basis for allocation of employment data</u>
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II-10. What percentage of your firm's total sales in its most recent fiscal year was represented by sales of stainless steel wire rod?

_____ Percent

II-11. Is your firm able to switch production between stainless steel wire rod and other products in response to demand shifts or a relative price change in the price of stainless steel wire rod vis-a-vis the price of other products, using the same equipment and labor?

No Yes--Please identify below the other products, the approximate time and cost involved in switching, and the minimum relative price change required for your firm to switch production to or from stainless steel wire rod.

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-12. Has your firm maintained any inventories of stainless steel wire rod in the United States (not including inventories held by firms identified in questions I-3, I-5, or I-6 above¹) since 2000?

No Yes--Report the quantity (in short tons) of such **end-of-period** inventories below.

<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

II-13. (a) Are your firm's exports of stainless steel wire rod subject to tariff or non-tariff barriers to trade (for example, antidumping or countervailing duty findings or remedies, tariffs, quotas, or regulatory barriers) in any countries other than the United States?

No Yes--List the products(s), country(ies), the year each such barrier was imposed, and the type of barrier.

Product	Country	Year imposed	Barrier (if tariff, give rate)
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

(b) Are your firm's exports of stainless steel wire rod subject to current investigations in any countries other than the United States that might result in tariff or non-tariff barriers to trade?

No Yes--List the products(s), country(ies), and type of investigation.

Product	Country	Type of investigation
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

II-14. Identify export markets (other than the United States) that you have developed or where you have increased your sales of stainless steel wire rod as a result of the antidumping duty orders on stainless steel wire rod from Brazil, France, or India. Please identify and discuss below.

¹ Such firms will report inventories in the Commission's importer or producer questionnaire.

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-16. Please report production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories of stainless steel wire rod produced by your firm in Brazil in 2000-05.

<i>(Quantity in short tons, value in 1,000 U.S. dollars)</i>						
Item	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
AVERAGE PRODUCTION CAPACITY ¹ (<i>quantity</i>)						
BEGINNING-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES ² (<i>quantity</i>)						
PRODUCTION ³ (<i>quantity</i>)						
SHIPMENTS:						
Home market:						
Internal consumption/transfers (<i>quantity</i>)						
Commercial shipments: <i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
Exports to--						
United States: ⁴ <i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
All other export markets: European Union: ⁵ <i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
Asia: ⁶ <i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
Other: ⁷ <i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
Subtotal, all other export markets: <i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
Total exports (<i>quantity</i>)						
Total shipments (<i>quantity</i>)						
END-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES (<i>quantity</i>)						

¹ The production capacity (see definitions in instructions booklet) reported is based on operating _____ hours per week, _____ weeks per year. Please describe the methodology used to calculate production capacity, and explain any changes in reported capacity (use additional pages as necessary).

² **Reconciliation of data.**--Please note that the quantities reported above should reconcile as follows: beginning-of-period inventories, plus production, less total shipments, equals end-of-period inventories. Do the data reported reconcile?

Yes No--Please explain: _____

³ Please estimate the percentage of total production of stainless steel wire rod in Brazil accounted for by your firm's production in 2005:

_____ Percent

⁴ Please estimate the percentage of total exports to the United States of stainless steel wire rod from Brazil accounted for by your firm's exports in 2005: _____ Percent

⁵ Identify principal *European Union* export markets. _____

⁶ Identify principal *Asian* export markets. _____

⁷ Identify principal *other* export markets. _____

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-17. Please report production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories of stainless steel wire rod produced by your firm in France in 2000-05.

<i>(Quantity in short tons, value in 1,000 U.S. dollars)</i>						
Item	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
AVERAGE PRODUCTION CAPACITY ¹ (<i>quantity</i>)						
BEGINNING-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES ² (<i>quantity</i>)						
PRODUCTION ³ (<i>quantity</i>)						
SHIPMENTS:						
Home market:						
Internal consumption/transfers (<i>quantity</i>)						
Commercial shipments: <i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
Exports to--						
United States: ⁴ <i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
All other export markets: European Union: ⁵ <i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
Asia: ⁶ <i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
Other: ⁷ <i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
Subtotal, all other export markets: <i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
Total exports (<i>quantity</i>)						
Total shipments (<i>quantity</i>)						
END-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES (<i>quantity</i>)						

¹ The production capacity (see definitions in instructions booklet) reported is based on operating _____ hours per week, _____ weeks per year. Please describe the methodology used to calculate production capacity, and explain any changes in reported capacity (use additional pages as necessary).

² Reconciliation of data--Please note that the quantities reported above should reconcile as follows: beginning-of-period inventories, plus production, less total shipments, equals end-of-period inventories. Do the data reported reconcile?

Yes No--Please explain: _____

³ Please estimate the percentage of total production of stainless steel wire rod in France accounted for by your firm's production in 2005: _____ Percent

⁴ Please estimate the percentage of total exports to the United States of stainless steel wire rod from France accounted for by your firm's exports in 2005: _____ Percent

⁵ Identify principal *European Union* export markets. _____

⁶ Identify principal *Asian* export markets. _____

⁷ Identify principal *other* export markets. _____

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-18. Please report production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories of stainless steel wire rod produced by your firm in India in 2000-05.

<i>(Quantity in short tons, value in 1,000 U.S. dollars)</i>						
Item	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
AVERAGE PRODUCTION CAPACITY ¹ (<i>quantity</i>)						
BEGINNING-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES ² (<i>quantity</i>)						
PRODUCTION ³ (<i>quantity</i>)						
SHIPMENTS:						
Home market:						
Internal consumption/transfers (<i>quantity</i>)						
Commercial shipments: <i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
Exports to--						
United States: ⁴ <i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
All other export markets: European Union: ⁵ <i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
Asia: ⁶ <i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
Other: ⁷ <i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
Subtotal, all other export markets: <i>Quantity</i>						
<i>Value</i>						
Total exports (<i>quantity</i>)						
Total shipments (<i>quantity</i>)						
END-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES (<i>quantity</i>)						

¹ The production capacity (see definitions in instructions booklet) reported is based on operating ____ hours per week, ____ weeks per year. Please describe the methodology used to calculate production capacity, and explain any changes in reported capacity (use additional pages as necessary).

² Reconciliation of data--Please note that the quantities reported above should reconcile as follows: beginning-of-period inventories, plus production, less total shipments, equals end-of-period inventories. Do the data reported reconcile?

Yes No--Please explain: _____

³ Please estimate the percentage of total production of stainless steel wire rod in India accounted for by your firm's production in 2005: _____ Percent

⁴ Please estimate the percentage of total exports to the United States of stainless steel wire rod from India accounted for by your firm's exports in 2005: _____ Percent

⁵ Identify principal *European Union* export markets. _____

⁶ Identify principal *Asian* export markets. _____

⁷ Identify principal *other* export markets. _____

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-19. Exports of stainless steel wire rod, by type.--If you reported shipments of stainless steel wire rod in 2005 in questions 16-18 (pages 8-10), report your firm's home market shipments, exports to the United States, and all other exports of stainless steel wire rod by the following types of stainless steel wire rod in **2005**. The sums of all types of stainless steel wire rod shipped to the home market, exported to the United States, and exported to all other countries reported in this table should equal the shipments to the home market, exports to the United States, and exports to all other countries, respectively, in 2005 reported in question 16-18 (pages 8-10).

(Quantity in short tons)				
Item	Austenitic	Ferritic	Martensitic	All others
Home market shipments¹				
Exports to the United States²				
All other exports³				
<p><u>Reconciliation of data.</u>--Please note that the quantities reported above should equal the total quantity of exports of stainless steel wire rod to the United States in 2005 reported in question II-16 (page 8). Do the data reported reconcile?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No--Please explain:</p> <hr/>				
<p>¹ List the top three grades (e.g., grade 302) of stainless steel wire rod (by type) that are shipped to the home market.</p> <p>Austenitic: _____</p> <p>Ferritic: _____</p> <p>Martensitic: _____</p>				
<p>² List the top three grades (e.g., grade 302) of stainless steel wire rod (by type) that are exported to the United States.</p> <p>Austenitic: _____</p> <p>Ferritic: _____</p> <p>Martensitic: _____</p>				
<p>³ List the top three grades (e.g., grade 302) of stainless steel wire rod (by type) that are exported to all countries other than the United States.</p> <p>Austenitic: _____</p> <p>Ferritic: _____</p> <p>Martensitic: _____</p>				

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS

III-1. Approximately what share of your firm's sales of stainless steel wire rod to U.S. customers in 2005 were on a (1) long-term contract basis (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months), (2) short-term contract basis (multiple deliveries up to 12 months), and (3) spot sales basis (for a single delivery)?

Type of sale	Share of sales (percent)
Long-term contracts	
Short-term contracts	
Spot sales	

III-2. If you sell on a long-term contract basis, please answer the following questions with respect to provisions of a typical long-term contract.

- (a) What is the average duration of a contract? _____
- (b) Can prices be renegotiated during the contract period? _____
- (c) Does the contract fix quantity, price, or both? _____
- (d) Does the contract have a meet or release provision? _____

III-3. If you sell on a short-term contract basis, please answer the following questions with respect to provisions of a typical short-term contract.

- (a) What is the average duration of a contract? _____
- (b) Can prices be renegotiated during the contract period? _____
- (c) Does the contract fix quantity, price, or both? _____
- (d) Does the contract have a meet or release provision? _____

III-4. What is the average lead time between a U.S. customer's order and the date of delivery for your firm's sales of stainless steel wire rod?

Source	Share of 2005 sales	Lead time
From inventory		
Produced to order		
Total	100%	

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

III-5. To what extent have changes in the prices of raw materials affected your firm's selling prices for stainless steel wire rod during January 2000-December 2005? Also discuss any anticipated changes in your raw material costs in the future, identifying the time period(s) involved and the factor(s) that you believe would be responsible for such changes. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

III-6. Have any changes occurred in any other factors affecting supply (e.g., changes in availability or prices of energy or labor; transportation conditions; production capacity and/or methods of production; technology; export markets; or alternative production opportunities) that affected the availability of Brazil, France, or India-produced stainless steel wire rod in the U.S. market since January 1, 2000?

No Yes--Please note the time period(s) of any such changes, the factors(s) involved, and the impact such changes had on your shipment volumes and prices.

III-7. (a) Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the availability of Brazil, France, or India-produced stainless steel wire rod in the U.S. market in the future?

Increase No Change Decrease

(b) If you anticipate changes in supply, please identify the changes including the time period and the impact of such changes on shipment volumes and prices. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

III-8. Describe how easily your firm can shift its sales of stainless steel wire rod between the U.S. market and alternative country markets. In your discussion, please describe any contracts, other sales arrangements, or other constraints (including any third-country trade barriers such as tariffs, quotas, or other non-tariff barriers) that would prevent or retard your firm from shifting stainless steel wire rod between the U.S. and alternative country markets within a 12-month period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

III-9. Is the product range, product mix, or marketing of stainless steel wire rod in your home market significantly different from the product range, product mix, or marketing of stainless steel wire rod for export to the United States or to third-country markets? Have there been any significant changes in the product range, product mix, or marketing of stainless steel wire rod in your home market, for export to the United States, or for export to third-country markets since January 1, 2000?

No Yes--Please describe and quantify if possible.

III-10. Please discuss any anticipated changes in terms of the product range, product mix, or marketing of stainless steel wire rod in your home market, for export to the United States, or for export to third-country markets in the future, identifying the time period(s) involved and the factor(s) that you believe would be responsible for such changes. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

III-11. (a) Please list in order of importance any products that may be substituted for stainless steel wire rod.

(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____

(b) For each possible substitute product, please give examples of applications and end uses for which they are substitutes.

(c) Have changes in the prices of these products affected the price for stainless steel wire rod?

No Yes--To what degree do changes in their prices affect the price for stainless steel wire rod? Does this effect have a time lag? If so, how long is the time lag for each substitute product? Does this vary by type of stainless steel wire rod or final end use?

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

III-12. Have there been any changes in the number or types of products that can be substituted for stainless steel wire rod since January 1, 2000?

No Yes--Please explain.

III-13. Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the substitutability of other products for stainless steel wire rod in the future?

No Yes--Please describe. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

III-14. Is the stainless steel wire rod produced by your firm and sold in its home market interchangeable (i.e., can be used in the same applications) with your firm's stainless steel wire rod sold to the United States and/or to third-country markets?

Yes No--Identify the market(s) and any differences in the products.

III-15. Describe the end uses of the stainless steel wire rod that you manufacture and sell to your home market. If these end uses differ from those of the stainless steel wire rod you sell to the U.S. market or to third-country markets, explain.

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

III-16. Have there been any changes in the end uses of stainless steel wire rod since January 1, 2000?

No Yes--Please describe.

III-17. Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the end uses of stainless steel wire rod in the future?

No Yes--Please describe and identify the time period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

III-18. How has demand within your home market for stainless steel wire rod changed since January 1, 2000?

Increased Unchanged Decreased

Other (describe) _____

What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?

III-19. How has demand within the United States for stainless steel wire rod changed since January 1, 2000?

Increased Unchanged Decreased

Other (describe) _____

What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

III-20. How has demand in other markets, if known, for stainless steel wire rod changed since January 1, 2000?

Increased Unchanged Decreased

Other (describe) _____

What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?

III-21. Do you anticipate any future changes in stainless steel wire rod demand in your home market and the United States and, if known, the rest of the world?

No Yes--Please describe and identify the time period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

III-22. Please compare market prices of stainless steel wire rod in your home market, the United States, and third-country markets, if known. Provide specific information as to time periods and regions for any price comparisons.

III-23. Describe briefly your home market for stainless steel wire rod, including the number of, and competition between, producers.

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

III-24. Do you face competition from imports of stainless steel wire rod in your home market?

- No Yes--Please identify the country sources of any imports of stainless steel wire rod into your home market.

III-25. Please provide as a separate attachment to this request any studies, surveys, etc. that you are aware of that quantify and/or otherwise discuss stainless steel wire rod supply (including production capacity and capacity utilization) and demand in (1) the United States, (2) each of the other major producing/consuming countries, including Brazil, France, or India, and (3) the world as a whole. Of particular interest is such data from January 1, 2000 to the present and forecasts for the future.

III-26. Does your firm sell stainless steel wire rod over the internet?

- No Yes--Please describe, noting the estimated percentage of your firm's total sales of stainless steel wire rod in 2005 accounted for by internet sales.
